

What is claimed is:

- [Claim 1]** A key grouping device for use with a plurality of keys, wherein said device is attached to at least a first and second electrically operable indicator device, and said first indicator device is reversibly associated with at least a first key and said second indicator device is reversibly associated with at least a second key.
- [Claim 2]** The key grouping device of Claim 1, wherein operation of one at least indicator devices is facilitated by machine processing of information pertaining to one at least locks.
- [Claim 3]** The key grouping device of Claim 2, wherein said lock information is provided by a lock ID device that is associated with said lock.
- [Claim 4]** The lock ID device of Claim 3, wherein said associated is by way of physical proximity to said lock.
- [Claim 5]** The lock ID device of Claim 3, wherein said lock ID device is attached by adhesive to an object in proximity to said lock.
- [Claim 6]** The lock ID device of Claim 3, wherein said lock ID device is attached by mechanical fastener to an object in proximity to said lock.
- [Claim 7]** The lock ID device of Claim 3 wherein said lock ID device is provided to a human for attachment to an object, such that said lock ID device is human determinable as being associated with said lock, in preference to a second lock.
- [Claim 8]** The lock information of one at least of Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, wherein said lock information is read by an electrically operable device.
- [Claim 9]** The lock information of Claim 8, wherein said electrically operable device is coupled to said key grouping device.
- [Claim 10]** The lock information of Claim 8, wherein said lock information is read from an electrically operable device.
- [Claim 11]** The lock information of Claim 10, wherein said information is read from a radio frequency transponder.

[Claim 12] The lock information of Claim 10, wherein said information is read from a device that uses a single conductor for power, data and control information.

[Claim 13] The lock information of Claim 8, wherein said information is read by an electronic camera.

[Claim 14] The lock information of Claim 13, wherein said information comprises human readable indicia.

[Claim 15] The lock information of one at least of Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, wherein said information includes human readable indicia.

[Claim 16] The lock information of Claim 15, wherein said information is provided to an electrically operable device.

[Claim 17] The lock information of Claim 16, wherein said electrically operable device is wired to said key grouping device.

[Claim 18] The lock information of Claim 16, wherein said electrically operable device is coupled to computer readable media and said media stores part at least of said information, and said media is physically transported from a first location to a key grouping device at a second location and said information is transferred from said media to said key grouping device at said second location.

[Claim 19] The lock information of Claim 15, wherein said information is entered using a keypad.

[Claim 20] The lock information of Claim 15, wherein said information is entered using an electronic display.

[Claim 21] The lock information of Claim 15, wherein said information is provided as human voice.

[Claim 22] The key grouping device of Claim 1, wherein said first device is activated at a first instant and said second device is activated at a second instant.

[Claim 23] The key grouping device of Claim 22, wherein said first device is deactivated prior to the second instant.

[Claim 24] The key grouping device of Claim 22, wherein said activated includes causing said indicator device to emit one at least colors of light.

[Claim 25] The key grouping device of Claim 22, wherein said activated includes causing said indicator device to emit sound.

[Claim 26] The key grouping device of Claim 22, wherein said activated includes causing said indicator device to vibrate.

[Claim 27] The key grouping device of Claim 22, wherein determination of said first and second instant is facilitated by a computer program on computer readable media.

[Claim 28] The key grouping device of Claim 1, wherein one at least indicator devices is an electrically operable light source.

[Claim 29] The light source of Claim 28, wherein said light source includes one at least of:—

Light Emitting Diode,

Organic Light Emitting Diode,

Light Emitting Polymer.

[Claim 30] The key grouping device of Claim 1, wherein said associated includes the attachment of a first key to the vicinity of a first indicator device and the attachment of a second key to the vicinity of a second indicator device, such that a human can determine that said first key is associated with said first indicator means and that said second key is associated with said second indicator means.

[Claim 31] The key grouping device of Claim 1, wherein at least a first indicator device is able to be caused to illuminate in a first color at a first instant and a second color at a second instant.

[Claim 32] The key grouping device of Claim 1, wherein one at least indicator device comprises an illuminable device that can be caused to emit a first color at a first instant and a second color at a second instant.

[Claim 33] The key grouping device of Claim 32, wherein said indicator is said first indicator device when illuminated in said first color, and said indicator is said second indicator device when illuminated in said second color.

[Claim 34] The key grouping device of one at least of Claims 31, 32, 33, wherein said indicator device is associated with:—

a first key associated with a key id device that includes a first primary colored area of a color that approximates at least said first colour of said indicator device,
and
a second key associated with a key ID device of a first primary colored area of a color that approximates at least said second color of said indicator device.

[Claim 35] The indicator of Claim 34, wherein said first color is distinguishable by a human with average normal vision as different said second color.

[Claim 36] A lock ID device for use with one at least of the key grouping devices of one at least of Claims 1 through 35.

[Claim 37] The lock ID device of Claim 36, wherein said lock ID device is attachable to an object in the vicinity of said lock.

[Claim 38] The lock ID device of Claim 36, wherein said lock ID device includes an RFID transponder.

[Claim 39] The lock ID device of Claim 36, wherein said lock ID device includes an electrically operable device that provides power, data information and control information on a single conductor.

[Claim 40] A key ID device for use with one at least of the key grouping devices of one at least of Claims 1 through 39.

[Claim 41] The key ID device of Claim 41, wherein said Key ID device is attachable to a key.

[Claim 42] The key ID device of Claim 41, wherein said Key ID device includes an RFID transponder.

[Claim 43] The key ID device of Claim 41, wherein said Key ID device includes an electrically operable device that provides power, data information and control information on a single conductor.

[Claim 44] A key ID device comprising:–

- a) an electrically operable device that stores digital content that is accessible using automated means,
and
- b) human readable indicia on a visible surface of said key ID device.

[Claim 45] The key ID device of Claim 44, wherein there is a relationship between said digital content and said indicia.

[Claim 46] The key ID device of Claim 45, wherein said relationship is predetermined.